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SUBJECT:

Comment on the East German Sabotage Threat to the Security of the NATO Powers in the Federal Republic of Germany.

1. The paucity of clear-cut information on this subject is in marked contrast to the volumes of information collated here on other aspects of the clandestine East German activities of interest to us. We are accordingly inclined to believe that such preparation for sabotage as must, in the nature of things, be underway in East Germany, is one of the most carefully guarded secrets of the opposition.

2. The only two cases known to us which seem to have real substance in this connection are the Hasting/Harburg explosion affair and the double-agent case run by the BfV, both of which are discussed in some detail in  general report. Although we have been unable to pin-point the actual sponsorship of either of these operations, it is our belief that common sabotage efforts of East German sponsorship of any significance would have one or another of the following organizations behind them:

- a. The SED/KPD complex;
- b. The Ministry of State Security (MfS);
- c. The Ministry of Defense.

3. It should be noted that there has been quite some training in counter-sabotage within the MfS and the armed forces and that the knowledge thus imparted can be converted to aggressive sabotage. 25X1X7

4. Judging from the volume of Communist propaganda material that is being circulated in West Germany, the capabilities of the KPD/SED underground to evade police and security controls, under prevailing conditions, is considerable. In our opinion, so long as this situation continues, there is

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always a latent danger of a large-scale surprise sabotage-action in the West,
supported through these underground channels.

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5. We have checked over [REDACTED] manuscript for German spellings and
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